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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment amends the title of the specification, cancels claims 1-34, and adds claims 35-77.

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Dear Sir:

Please find enclosed with regard to the above-identified pending U.S. patent application: (1) a 13 page Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified patent application, (2) this 2 page Transmittal Letter, and; (3) a return postcard.

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	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
Total Claims	43	34	= 9 x	\$18.00	= \$162.00
Independent Claims	06	06	= 0 x	\$86.00	= \$0.00
If application has been amended to contain multiple dependent claim(s), then add			0	\$290.00	= \$0.00
Time Extension Fees:			0 month		= \$0.00
Terminal Disclaimer Fee:			0 x	\$110.00	= \$0.00
Request for Continued Examination (RCE)			0	\$770.00	= \$0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT				\$162.00	

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Respectfully submitted,

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